

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (previously presented). An access port structure for a personal watercraft having a craft body with a deck having a distended portion extending upwardly thereon and having equipment situated within said craft body below the deck, said access port structure situated to permit access to said equipment and comprising:

a main service opening formed in the distended portion of said deck and configured to allow access to selected components of said equipment, said main service opening situated so that an operator can perform a first maintenance operation by reaching therethrough with one hand; and

a secondary service opening formed in the distended portion of said deck and configured to allow access to other selected components of said equipment without requiring the operator to access said main service opening;

wherein said secondary service opening is spaced sufficiently close to the main service opening to permit the operator perform a second maintenance operation, concurrent with the first maintenance operation, by reaching through the secondary service opening with his or her remaining hand while said one hand is extended through said main service opening.

Claim 2 (original). The access port structure for a personal watercraft according to claim 1, wherein said main service opening and said secondary service opening are respectively provided in the deck proximate a steering shaft.